

THE WYNDHAM QUESTION SETTLED.

WASHINGTON Sept 18, 1863.

JAMES GORDON BENNETT, Esq.,
Editor New York Herald—

Sir.—There appeared in your paper of the 16th inst a remarkable letter, dated at Paris, and signed Percy S. Wyndham, M. P. The M. P. of course signifies that the writer is a member of the English Parliament, and therefore what he says is entitled to more than ordinary respect. In that letter the writer not only disputes my claim to the name of Percy Wyndham, but brings against me the most serious charges that can be brought against a man. I am represented as an impostor and a dangerous man. You will agree with me, sir, that such charges as these, made in the manner they are, are sufficiently serious to cause a man of much more prominence than myself to last lasting disgrace. I have never courted popularity, and whatever reputation I have made in Europe and this, my adopted country, has been the result of my exertions alone. Others may not set much value on such a reputation; but I am a soldier, and to me it is too dear to be thus rudely torn away. I was at first inclined to doubt the genuineness of this letter, and to treat it as the emanation of some vile wretch who had imposed it upon you as a means of gratifying some spite against me. I am sure, sir, that you will agree with me, as will also a large number of your readers, that there are strong reasons for doubting whether such a letter could have emanated from one claiming to be an English gentleman. And now, sir, to the facts which I desire here to produce, showing that this Percy Wyndham is a falsifier; for I must treat the letter as I find it. The first charge it makes against me is that I am an impostor, and am using the name of another, in order to prove the utter validity of this charge I here produce to you duly certified copies of registration of my birth and baptism. This certificate of birth and baptism proves that I was born on the 6th of February, 1833, on board His Majesty's ship the Arab, the bound for Calcutta; that my father was Charles Wyndham, then captain of the Fifth Light cavalry, British army, and my mother Ann Margaret Zoë, his wife; that I was baptized at St. John's cathedral, Calcutta, by T. Robertson, senior presiding chaplain. I yesterday produced these documents, certified alike by American and British consuls, to the Hon. Wm. H. Seward, Secretary of State, and the Hon. Wm. Sturz, now Charge d'Affaires of the British Legation. Here appended are their certificates.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, DEPARTMENT OF STATE.

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting—I certify that C. Davison, whose name is subscribed to the paper hereto annexed, is now, and was at the time of subscribing the same, Consul of the United States at Bordeaux, and consequently that all full facts and documents are due to his acts as such.

In testimony whereof, I, William H. Seward, Secretary of State of the United States, have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of the Department of State to be affixed.

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HAROLD LUCAS, Washington, D. C., U. S. Consul.

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